

Illinois Commerce Commission Beneficial Electrification Workshops Fact Sheet January 2022 (Final)

Workshop Purpose

The purpose of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Beneficial Electrification Workshops is to solicit input on the design of Beneficial Electrification programs that the Illinois utilities Ameren Illinois and ComEd will offer beginning in 2023.

Workshop Background

September 15, 2021: Governor Pritzker signed the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) in Illinois, including updated and new provisions added to the Electric Vehicle Act (EV Act). One of the requirements in the EV Act is for the ICC to initiate a Beneficial Electrification Workshop process.

- The EV Act requires Ameren Illinois and ComEd to file Beneficial Electrification Plans with the ICC by July 1, 2022.
- Beneficial Electrification Plans will include programs starting no later than January 1, 2023.

Workshop Participation

Workshop meetings are open to all interested participants. All Workshop meetings are virtual. A key Workshop goal is to be inclusive and provide opportunities to include stakeholders representing environmental justice and low-income communities. All Workshop meetings are recorded, with recordings posted on the [ICC Beneficial Electrification Workshops Website](#).

To join the distribution list, reach out to the Workshop Facilitator Celia Johnson:

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Workshop Goals

1. Focus on discussions that are productive and valuable

- Encourage collaboration and open conversations
- Provide opportunities to educate and inform

2. Be inclusive

- Ensure equitable opportunities for participation, without requiring formal intervention or legal representation
- Encourage participation from diverse stakeholders representing a variety of interests, including stakeholders representing environmental justice and low-income communities

3. Address topics that will inform Beneficial Electrification Plans

- Identify solutions to barriers / challenges
- Provide opportunities for stakeholder input and ideas to be shared
- Consider incentives, enabling rate structures, and other opportunities for the bill reduction and environmental benefits described in the EV Act

Workshop Topics

Workshop meetings will be focused on topic areas, including:

1. Introduction to Process – November 3, 2021
2. Fleets Part 1 (government and private vehicles) – December 15, 2021
3. Fleets Part 2 (public transit and school buses) – January 12, 2022
4. Equity-Focused Evening Meeting – January 19, 2022
5. Other Considerations – January 26, 2022
6. Additional Idea Presentations – February 4, 2022
7. Residential Customers + Equity/Environmental Justice – February 9, 2022
8. Equity-Focused Evening Meeting – February 16, 2022
9. Charging – February 23, 2022
10. Final Meeting to discuss open issues (if needed) – February 28, 2022

To receive meeting invitations, contact the Facilitator: Celia@CeliaJohnsonConsulting.com

Idea Submittals

Ideas and recommendations were due in November 2021; however, the Facilitator and ICC Staff are accepting additional idea submittals throughout the Workshop process, as needed. If you have an idea for Ameren Illinois and ComEd to consider in developing their Beneficial Electrification Plans, submit a completed template to the Facilitator:

- [Proposed Ideas Template](#)
- [Modelo de propuesta de ideas \(español\)](#)

Workshop Final Report

After the conclusion of the Workshop process, a final report will be submitted to the ICC by March 31, 2022. The final report will rely on the written feedback submitted throughout the Workshops, including ideas and recommendations proposed by interested participants. The utilities' Beneficial Electrification Plans will take into consideration recommendations from the Workshop Report.

The EV Act requires the report to include:

- Participants in the process
- Program designs proposed during the process
- Estimates of the costs and benefits of proposed programs
- Recommendations for transportation electrification investment or incentives in at least 5 specific areas
- Any material issues that remained unresolved at the conclusion of the process
- Any recommendations for workshop process improvements
- As described in the EV Act, the Report “shall be used by the Commission to inform and evaluate the cost effectiveness and achievement of goals within the submitted Beneficial Electrification Plans.”

Additional Information

- [ICC Beneficial Electrification Workshops Website](#)
- [Final ICC Beneficial Electrification Workshops Plan](#)
- [Participation Strategy](#)